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**Best Bets are on a 57-28-1 (67%) run Last 11 Weeks!**  
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## Week 12 News and Notes!

For those of you that are new, in this section we'll recap what happened last week specifically, the misleading finals, the key injuries, the bad beats and the line moves. We'll include most of these recaps here, therefore you don't have to waste time reading about them in my game-by-game write-ups for the upcoming week. Without further adieu, here's a run down of what happened last week in the world of CFB.

### Week 12 Trends

Straight Up	57-10
ATS	31-34-2
Straight Up	46-21
ATS	32-33-2
Over-Under	32-35

### Favorites-Dogs

### Home-Away

### Totals (O/U)

### Largest Favorites to Cover:

Florida (-41.5) vs Idaho, 63-10  
 Old Dominion (-31) vs VMI, 77-14  
 South Carolina (-31) vs Chattanooga, 49-9  
 Auburn (-29.5) vs Liberty, 53-0  
 BYU (-26) vs New Mexico St, 45-10

### Biggest Money line Upsets:

Ball St +300 vs Western Michigan, 42-41  
 Kansas St +210 vs Texas Tech, 21-6  
 Miami, OH +200 vs Northern Illinois, 13-7  
 Bowling Green +200 at Akron, 21-6  
 Oklahoma St +185 vs West Virginia, 45-41



Oklahoma St won a thriller over No. 9 West Virginia 45-41 that pretty much ended the Mountaineers CFB Playoff hopes last Saturday. The Cowboys were 6-point home underdogs and were +185 on the money line.

### ATS Notables

Washington St is 10-1 ATS this season while Utah St is 9-2 ATS. On the other side, Louisville is 1-10 ATS this year (another reason they fired head coach Bobby Petrino) while Washington and New Mexico St are both 2-9 ATS.

Oklahoma games have seen the OVER go 9-1-1 in their games this year. The OVER is also 8-2 in North Carolina games. Meanwhile the UNDER is now 10-1 in North Texas games and 9-2 in BYU, Northern Illinois and Tulane games.

### Misleading Finals

Western Michigan lost in OT to Ball St but the Broncos had 33-22 first down and 548-349 yard edges including 361-67 on the ground.

Northern Illinois lost 13-7 to Miami, OH. However, the Huskies had a 369-201 yard edge including 212-94 on the ground, but were -2 in TO's. NIU had clinched the MAC West the night before with Western Michigan's loss to Ball St. Miami, OH got a 28-yard interception return TD in the 3Q for the game-winner.

Kent St lost to Toledo 56-34 but the Golden Flashes actually had a 23-21 first down edge and were only out-gained 517-497. Toledo scored on an 83-yard punt return TD and also got a 31-yard interception return TD.

Virginia lost in OT to Georgia Tech but the Cavaliers actually had 24-13 FD and 403-305 yard edges. UVA surrendered a safety and a special teams TD but also botched a punt return. GT recovered the fumble, leading to their only offensive TD.

USF lost to Temple 27-17. However, Temple benefited from 5 USF TO's. USF actually led 17-0 at halftime. In the 4Q, Temple got a 73-yard punt return TD and also recovered a fumble in the end zone for a TD.

Middle Tennessee lost 34-23 at Kentucky. However, MT had 24-15 first down and 392-324 yard edges. MT had 2 early TO's that were converted into 2 Kentucky TD's including a 66-yard interception return. MT also got stopped on downs inside the UK 10-yard line late.

FIU beat Charlotte 42-35. However, Charlotte had 28-21 first down and 534-490 yard edges but were -2 in TO's including a fumble that was returned 61 yards for a TD.

29-point favorite Utah State only beat Colorado St 29-24. Colorado St had 29-16 first down and 506-310 yard edges and the Rams held the ball for 42:05! Utah St got a 95-yard interception return TD (14-point swing) and a 32-yard interception return TD. Utah St also got a 33-yard TD pass with :43 left but Colorado St scored on the final play of the game only to get called back on penalty.

Texas A&M beat UAB 41-20. However, UAB had 3 TO's including a fumble on the opening kickoff that was returned for a TD. UAB also missed 3 FG's.

Ole Miss lost in OT to Vanderbilt but the Rebels had 28-21 first down and 578-387 yard edges including 457-191 through the air. Ole Miss QB Ta'amu had a career-high 457 yards passing while Ole Miss WR AJ Brown had 212 receiving yards.

Virginia Tech was drilled by Miami, FL 38-14. However, VT had a 22-17 first down edge and were only out-gained 339-335. However, the Hokies were -3 in TO's. Miami got a 3-yard TD "Drive" after a TO and also got a 51-yard punt return TD.

### Major Injuries

Colorado QB Steven Montez (leg) is ? for this week's game vs California.  
 Houston QB D'Eriq King (knee) is out for the season.

North Texas QB Mason Fine (hand) is probable for this week's game vs UTSA.  
 S. Alabama QB Evan Orth (shoulder) is ? for this week's game vs Coastal Carolina.  
 Syracuse QB Eric Dungey (back) is ? for this week's game vs Boston College.  
 TCU QB Michael Collins (foot) is doubtful for this week's game vs Oklahoma St.  
 Tennessee QB Jarrett Guarantano (head) is ? for this week's game vs Vanderbilt.  
 Texas QB Sam Ehlinger (shoulder) is ? for this week's game vs Kansas.  
 Texas Tech QB Alan Bowman (lung) is ? for this week's game vs Baylor.  
 Wyoming QB Sean Chambers (leg) is out for the season.  
 Wyoming RB Nico Evans (leg) is ? for this week's game vs New Mexico.

### Recapping Last Week's Best Bets

Last week we had our first losing week since Week 1! The colleges went a dismal 1-4 as both of our 3★'s went down. Do note that we gave out Minnesota +2 and the Gophers closed as a 3-point favorite. Oregon was a right side loser as the Ducks had a 449-324 yard edge but were -3 in TO's. Our pick on Philadelphia in the NFL was arguably our worst pick of the entire season. We did win our 3★ on KC if you bet it before game day. Always remember gambling is a marathon, not a sprint.

## CFB/NFL Schedules Thanksgiving Day!

NFL/CFB Thursday, Nov 24th	Line	BP	All Times Eastern		
105 CHICAGO 12:30 p.m. CBS	-3	-2			
106 DETROIT	44.5	44			
107 WASHINGTON 3:30 p.m. FOX	40.5	38			
108 DALLAS	-7	-6			
109 ATLANTA 8:20 p.m. NBC	60	63			
110 NEW ORLEANS	-13	-11			
111 COLORADO ST 3:30 p.m. CBS College	62.5	55			
112 AIR FORCE	-14.5	-13			
113 MISSISSIPPI ST 7:30 p.m. ESPN	-11	-9			
114 OLE MISS	61	57			

## 2018 Nationwide Football Newsletter Contest (Regular Season Only)

We are happy to provide you with the records, standings and plays used from the Power Sweep (3★, 4★ & Underdog), Gold Sheet (Key Releases), Power Plays (4.5★), Sports Reporter (Best & Super Bets), Winning Points (Best Bets & Preferred), Playbook (3-5★'s), Pointwise (Ratings 1-4), Powers' Picks (1-4★'s) and new this year the Sunday Night Owl Report (1-4★'s).

College Newsletter	W	L	T	%	Net	NFL Newsletter	W	L	T	%	Net	College/NFL Combined Newsletter	W	L	T	%	Net
Night Owl	38	25	1	60.32%	13	Power Sweep	22	10	1	68.75%	12	Power Plays	57	35	1	61.96%	22
Power Plays	24	16	0	60.00%	8	Playbook	22	11	0	66.67%	11	Night Owl	46	31	1	59.74%	15
<b>Powers' Picks</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>58.33%</b>	<b>10</b>	Sports Reporter	13	8	1	61.90%	5	Power Plays	30	21	0	58.82%	9
Power Sweep	26	21	0	55.32%	5	Night Owl	8	6	0	57.14%	2	Playbook	39	29	1	57.35%	10
Sports Reporter	23	22	0	51.11%	1	Power Plays	6	5	0	54.55%	1	Sports Reporter	36	30	1	54.55%	6
Winning Points	35	35	2	50.00%	0	Power Sweep	11	10	1	52.38%	1	Power Sweep	37	31	1	54.41%	6
Playbook	17	18	1	48.57%	-1	Gold Sheet	15	16	2	48.39%	-1	Winning Points	55	57	4	49.11%	-2
Gold Sheet	21	23	2	47.73%	-2	Winning Points	20	22	2	47.62%	-2	Gold Sheet	36	39	4	48.00%	-3
Pointwise	30	37	4	44.78%	-7	Pointwise	9	24	0	27.27%	-15	Pointwise	39	61	4	39.00%	-22
<b>Combined</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>52.87%</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>Combined</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>52.94%</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Combined</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>52.89%</b>	<b>41</b>

<b>CFB/NFL Schedules Week 13 Nov 23rd-27th</b>				<b>Saturday, November 24th</b>		<b>Line</b>	<b>BP</b>	<b>All Times Eastern</b>	
<b>CFB Friday, November 23th</b>				<b>Line</b>	<b>BP</b>				
115 AKRON	CBS College	54.5	56						
116 OHIO		-24	-24						
117 EAST CAROLINA	CBS College	50.5	55						
118 CINCINNATI		-19.5	-19						
119 EASTERN MICHIGAN		-13.5	-12						
120 KENT ST		52	50						
121 BUFFALO	ESPNU	-14.5	-15						
122 BOWLING GREEN		60.5	55						
123 NEBRASKA	FOX	53.5	54						
124 IOWA		-10	-6						
125 TEXAS	FOX Sports 1	-15	-15						
126 KANSAS		49	53						
127 ARKANSAS	CBS	61.5	58						
128 MISSOURI		-23	-24						
129 COASTAL CAROLINA		58	-2						
130 SOUTH ALABAMA		PK	54						
131 CENTRAL MICHIGAN		53	52						
132 TOLEDO		-18.5	-18						
133 CENTRAL FLORIDA	ESPN	-14	-11						
134 SOUTH FLORIDA		69	65						
135 OREGON	FOX Sports 1	-17.5	-15						
136 OREGON ST		69	69						
137 HOUSTON	ABC	75	71						
138 MEMPHIS		-7	-11						
139 VIRGINIA	ABC	-4.5	-2						
140 VIRGINIA TECH		50	50						
141 OKLAHOMA		-2.5	-3						
142 WEST VIRGINIA	ESPN	84	85						
143 WASHINGTON	FOX	49	50						
144 WASHINGTON ST		-2.5	-2						
<b>Saturday, November 24th</b>				<b>Line</b>	<b>BP</b>				
145 PITTSBURGH	ESPN	47	48						
146 MIAMI, FL		-4.5	-6						
147 TEMPLE	ESPNU	-30.5	-28						
148 CONNECTICUT		67	68						
149 KENTUCKY	ESPN2	-17	-17						
150 LOUISVILLE		51	51						
151 SOUTH CAROLINA	ESPN	58.5	58						
152 CLEMSON		-26.5	-24						
153 RUTGERS	FOX	37	37						
154 MICHIGAN ST		-27	-25						
155 GEORGIA SOUTHERN		-11	-9						
156 GEORGIA ST		58.5	57						
157 MARSHALL		-3	47						
158 FIU		52.5	-1						
159 SYRACUSE	ESPN	57.5	55						
160 BOSTON COLLEGE		-7	-7						
161 MICHIGAN	FOX	-4.5	53						
162 OHIO ST		56	-1						
163 ILLINOIS	Big Ten	58	51						
164 NORTHWESTERN		-17	-17						
165 GEORGIA TECH	SEC Network	59.5	57						
166 GEORGIA		-17	-17						
167 WAKE FOREST		58.5	58						
168 DUKE		-11.5	-10						
169 MINNESOTA	ESPN2	54	48						
170 WISCONSIN		-10.5	-14						
171 NC STATE		-7	-6						
172 NORTH CAROLINA		59.5	60						
173 WKU		48.5	48						
174 LOUISIANA TECH		-11	-14						
175 OLD DOMINION		-7.5	-8						
176 RICE		63	60						
177 SOUTHERN MISS		-13	-14						
178 UTEP		44.5	48						
179 NEW MEXICO ST		73	71						
180 LIBERTY		-8	-9						
181 UTAH ST	ESPN	67.5	64						
182 BOISE ST		-2.5	-4						
183 BYU	FOX Sports 1	44	44						
184 UTAH		-12	-10						
185 TROY		48	51						
186 APPALACHIAN ST		-10.5	-9						
<b>Saturday, November 24th</b>				<b>Line</b>	<b>BP</b>				
187 WYOMING				-7	-6				
188 NEW MEXICO				45	48				
189 UAB				-2.5	51				
190 MIDDLE TENNESSEE				52	-1				
191 COLORADO				43	45				
192 CALIFORNIA				-12.5	-11				
193 STANFORD	Pac-12			-6.5	-11				
194 UCLA				57.5	57				
195 TENNESSEE	SEC Network			50.5	51				
196 VANDERBILT				-3.5	-3				
197 OKLAHOMA ST	FOX			-5	-4				
198 TCU				56	52				
199 FLORIDA	ABC			-6.5	-6				
200 FLORIDA ST				52	48				
201 MARYLAND	ABC			53.5	55				
202 PENN ST				-13.5	-13				
203 TEXAS TECH	FOX Sports 1			-6	-7				
204 BAYLOR				65	63				
205 SAN JOSE ST	ESPNU			49.5	56				
206 FRESNO ST				-32	-30				
207 KANSAS ST	FOX Sports 1			40.5	43				
208 IOWA ST				-13	-13				
209 LSU	SEC Network			47.5	45				
210 TEXAS A&M				-3	-3				
211 PURDUE	ESPN2			-4	-3				
212 INDIANA				64.5	59				
213 NAVY	ESPNU			53.5	54				
214 TULANE				-7	-6				
215 UL-LAFAYETTE				72	-1				
216 UL-MONROE				-3	69				
217 SMU	CBS College			-2	-10				
218 TULSA				57.5	58				
219 CHARLOTTE				54.5	57				
220 FLORIDA ATLANTIC				-17.5	-17				
221 ARKANSAS ST				-12	-14				
222 TEXAS ST				52.5	54				
223 NORTH TEXAS				-24	-24				
224 UTSA				51.5	50				
225 NOTRE DAME	ABC			-11	-14				
226 USC				54	54				
227 AUBURN	CBS			52.5	51				
228 ALABAMA				-24	-25				
229 NEVADA	CBS College			-13.5	-8				
230 UNLV				62.5	60				
231 HAWAII	ESPNU			54	51				
232 SAN DIEGO ST				-17	-17				
231 ARIZONA ST	FOX Sports 1			-1.5	61				
232 ARIZONA				64.5	-1				
<b>NFL Wk 12 Sunday, Nov 25th</b>				<b>Line</b>	<b>BP</b>				
251 JACKSONVILLE	CBS			-3.5	39				
252 BUFFALO				37	-1				
253 OAKLAND	CBS			43	42				
254 BALTIMORE				-10.5	-10				
255 SAN FRANCISCO	FOX			54.5	55				
256 TAMPA BAY				-3.5	-1				
257 N.Y. GIANTS	FOX			46	45				
258 PHILADELPHIA				-6	-3				
259 CLEVELAND	CBS			47.5	47				
260 CINCINNATI				-3	-5				
261 NEW ENGLAND	CBS			-9.5	-8				
262 N.Y. JETS				46	48				
263 SEATTLE	FOX			47.5	49				
264 CAROLINA				-3.5	-7				
265 MIAMI	CBS			51	49				
266 INDIANAPOLIS				-7.5	-7				
267 ARIZONA	FOX			44.5	44				
268 L.A. CHARGERS				-12	-10				
269 PITTSBURGH	CBS			-3	47				
270 DENVER				46.5	-1				
271 GREEN BAY	NBC			47.5	48				
272 MINNESOTA				-3.5	-4				
<b>Monday, November 26th</b>				<b>Line</b>	<b>BP</b>				
273 TENNESSEE	ESPN			41.5	40				
274 HOUSTON				-6	-6				

4★ = BEST  
3★ = BETTER  
2★ = GOOD  
1★ = FAIR

## THE POWERS' PACK

**3★ SMU -2 over Tulsa**  
**3★ Nebraska +10 over IOWA (Friday)**  
**2★ MEMPHIS -7 over Houston (Friday)**  
**2★ OHIO ST +4.5 over Michigan**  
**2★ Stanford -6.5 over UCLA**

### Games in Rotation Order

**Thursday, November 22nd**

**AIR FORCE 34 Colorado St 21.** We're wondering how either team recovers after last week. AF actually led 27-14 Wyoming late 3Q but allowed the game's final 21 points. Air Force had 25-18 first down and 415-373 yard edges including 362-111 on the ground. Meanwhile, Colorado St nearly pulled one of the biggest upsets of the season vs Utah St. Colorado St had 29-16 first down and 506-310 yard edges and the Rams held the ball for 42:05! Utah St got a 95-yard interception return TD (14-point swing) and a 32-yard interception return TD. Utah St also got a 33-yard TD pass with :43 left but Colorado St scored on the final play of the game only to get called back on penalty. We lean dog and the UNDER.

**Mississippi St 33 OLE MISS 24.** Egg Bowl. Mississippi St has revenge for an upset loss to Ole Miss last year. Miss St has the huge defensive edge here and last week hammered Arkansas. Miss St had 29-17 first down and 475-219 yard edges including 287-69 on the ground. Meanwhile, Ole Miss comes in losers of 4 straight. Last week, Ole Miss had 28-21 first down and 578-387 yard edges including 457-191 through the air but lost in OT at Vanderbilt. QB Ta'amu had a career-high 457 yards passing while WR AJ Brown had 212 receiving yards. This is Ole Miss' bowl game and we lean with the home dog.

**Friday, November 23rd**

**OHIO 40 Akron 16.** Ohio needs a win and a Buffalo loss to get to MAC Championship game. Last week the Bobcats had their most impressive game of the season as they crushed Buffalo. Ohio dominated with 32-13 first down and 646-277 yard edges including 437-157 on the ground. Meanwhile, Akron has been pathetic on offense recently and last week the Zips were upset at home to Bowling Green. Ohio would be the only way to look here but this number is steep.

**CINCINNATI 37 East Carolina 18.** Cincy was outclassed at UCF last week but note the Bearcats actually had a 20-18 first down edge but were out-gained 402-379. We had the OVER on these pages but the two teams missed a combined 3 FG's and an extra point. In addition, both teams came up empty once in the red zone. ECU is off a blowout win over UConn. ECU dominated with 34-16 first down and 657-274 yard edges including 415-91 on the ground. ECU QB Holton Ahlers had 5 total TD's. We lean with the OVER here.

**Eastern Michigan 31 KENT ST 19.** EMU is off a late season bye while Kent St lost to Toledo 36-34 last week. However, the Golden Flashes actually had a 23-21 first down edge and were only out-gained 517-497. Toledo scored on an 83-yard punt return TD and also got a 31-yard interception return TD. Eastern Michigan is a 13.5-point favorite here. That's the largest away favorite role for the Eagles since 1995. However, note that Eastern Michigan is on a 15-2 ATS run on the road.

**Buffalo 35 BOWLING GREEN 20.** A win here for Buffalo would clinch the division and put the Bulls in the MAC Championship game. However, last week the Bulls played their worst game of the season as they were crushed by Ohio 52-17. Ohio dominated with 32-13 first down and 646-277 yard edges including 437-157 on the ground. Buffalo did have 5 TO's. Meanwhile, Bowling Green had 22-15 first down and 401-227 yard edges including 221-79 on the ground in their win over Akron. The back-to-back road victories are the first for the Falcons since they beat Purdue and Buffalo in 2015. Bowling Green is just 2-15 ATS at home in their last 17 games. However, we lean UNDER.

**3★ Nebraska (plus the points) IOWA 30 Nebraska 24.** The Huskers are certainly playing their best ball of the season as they have covered 6 straight games vs Big Ten teams. Last week we cashed on these pages with them but Nebraska trailed 3-0 entering the 4Q. They got 3 FG's from their frosh kicker including a 47-yarder with 5:13 left. It was the first time the Cornhuskers had won a game without scoring a TD since a 3-0 victory over Kansas State in 1937. "Every week I've been coaching them there's a little more fight. Today's the most I've seen, said first-year Huskers coach Scott Frost. Speaking of fight, Iowa showed plenty of it last week. Off 3 straight losses they hammered Illinois 63-0. Iowa had 20-11 first down and 400-220 yard edges and benefited from 4 Illinois TO's (Iowa scored 2 non-offensive TD's). Iowa, in their last home game was laying doubles to Northwestern and lost outright and we feel Nebraska is just as good.

**Texas 34 KANSAS 19.** Texas needs a win here to get to the Big 12 Championship game. Note the Horns did lose their last trip here that promptly ended the Charlie Strong era. Last week, Texas got an impressive win over Iowa St. Texas had 20-12 first down and 405-210 yard edges. Texas QB's Ehlinger and Buechele were a combined 22 of 25 for 226 yards and 2 TD's. However Ehlinger and Buechele's shoulder and is ? here. On the other side, Kansas has not quit on out-going head coach David Beaty (welcome Les Miles). Last week, Jayhawks put up 524 yards and 40 points at Oklahoma. Kansas RB Pooka Williams might be the best player in the country you've never heard of as. Pooka had 252 rushing yards last week. Lean OVER.

**MISSOURI 41 Arkansas 17.** Last week Arkansas showed no heart in a blowout loss at Mississippi St. "This is completely unacceptable, Arkansas coach Chad Morris said. "Unacceptable in all areas. Unacceptable coaching, unacceptable playing, unacceptable at all levels. This is not what this program is about -- not what it's going to be built on. We're in major gut check time." Meanwhile, Missouri dominated Tennessee as the Tigers had 29-11 first down and 484-255 yard edges. The Tigers usually are playing their best ball this time of year but this is a big number.

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**Coastal Carolina 28 SOUTH ALABAMA 26.** Coastal has been sitting on 5 wins for 3 straight games but has lost all 3. Last week they were run over by Georgia Southern. Meanwhile, South Alabama had 27-17 first down and 477-407 yard edges in a loss to UL-Lafayette. The Jags did have 3 TO's. To the wire.

**TOLEDO 35 Central Michigan 17.** Toledo has won 8 straight in the series going 7-1 ATS. Last week, Toledo got to bowl eligibility with a win over Kent St. The game was a bit misleading Toledo scored on an 83-yard punt return TD and also got a 31-yard interception return TD. Meanwhile, Central Michigan is off a late-season bye as this has been a season to forget for the Chips. Pass.

**Central Florida 38 SOUTH FLORIDA 27.** We lean with the home dog here. UCF is off one of their biggest wins in school history as ESPN College Game Day was on hand for them last week. UCF did have a 6.6-4.7 yards per play advantage vs the Bearcats. USF has lost 4 straight since a 7-0 start. However, last week was a misleading loss to Temple. USF actually led 17-0 at halftime. In the 4Q, Temple got a 73-yard punt return TD and also recovered a fumble in the end zone for a TD as the Bulls had 5 TO's in the game. Remember UCF was only -3.5 here in the West Gate "Game of Year" lines this summer.

**Oregon 42 OREGON ST 27.** Oregon was a right side loser on these pages last week. The Ducks had a 449-324 yard edge but were -3 in TO's. Still Oregon was covering for most of the game until Arizona St's last TD in the 4Q. The Ducks led 28-13 at halftime. Meanwhile, Oregon St is off a cover vs Washington. The early week money has been on Oregon (line opened -14.5) but at the current number of "17.5" we lean with the Beavers.

**2★ MEMPHIS 41 Houston 30.** The winner of this one will go to the AAC Championship game and face UCF next week. Memphis is playing their best ball of the season off 3 straight wins and covers. Last week Memphis had a 434-366 yard edge including 208-25 on the ground in a win at SMU. While Ed Oliver's sideline antics with head coach Major Applewhite got most of the media attention last week in Houston's blowout win over Tulane, the real story revolves around Houston star QB D'Eriq King who left with a knee injury and is out for the season. King has accounted for 50 total TD's this season! That's more than any player in college football.

**Virginia 26 VIRGINIA TECH 24.** Virginia Tech is on a 14-0 SU/10-4 ATS run in the series but now find themselves a home dog here. Last week Virginia Tech was drilled by Miami, FL 38-14. However, VT had a 22-17 first down edge and were only out-gained 339-335. However, the Hokies were -3 in TO's. Miami got a 3-yard TD "Drive" after a TO and also got a 51-yard punt return TD. On the other side, Virginia lost in OT to Georgia Tech but the Cavaliers actually had 24-13 FD and 403-305 yard edges. UVA surrendered a safety and a special teams TD but also botched a punt return. GT recovered the fumble, leading to their only offensive TD. VT is trying to keep their 26-year bowl streak in tact. They take home the cash here but UVA breaks the long losing streak.

**Oklahoma 44 WEST VIRGINIA 41.** Winner goes to the Big 12 Championship game and will likely face Texas. Last week Oklahoma only had 31-25 first down and 566-524 yard edges last week vs Kansas. The OU defense allowed 348 rushing yards and the last 3 games are allowing 44 ppg and 546 ypg! Meanwhile, West Virginia's National Title hopes went down the drain in Stillwater last week. WV blew a 31-14 halftime lead and still had a 93% chance of winning with 6 minutes left according to ESPN's win probability rate. OU has been a bad match-up for WV. OU 4-0 SU/ATS with an average win by 22 ppg and average cover of 11 ppg. Totals' players note that this is the highest total (84) in college football this season. If you're wondering how high totals do, any total priced at 80 or above has gone 27-18-2 to the OVER in college football history.

**WASHINGTON ST 26 Washington 24.** The winner goes to the Pac-12 Championship game. Washington has been a bad match-up for Washington St. The Huskies are 4-0 SU/ATS with an average win by 27 ppg and an average cover of 20 ppg. Note that in the summer "Game of Year" lines, Washington was around a 2-TD favorite here but now Washington St is favored in the series for the first time since 2006. However, the Cougars are 10-1 ATS this year while Washington is 2-9 ATS. Both teams are off blowout wins. Washington St actually led Arizona 55-14 at halftime! QB Gardner Minshew was 43 of 55 for 473 yards and 7 TD's! The Cougars have won 13 straight at home by 20 ppg but this one goes down to the wire.

**Saturday, November 24th**

**MIAMI, FL 27 Pittsburgh 21.** Miami clearly has the motivational edge here but it is priced into the line. The Canes have revenge for losing to Pitt last year that ended the Canes' 10-0 season. Also the Panthers clinched the ACC Coastal Division last week in their win at Wake Forest and have Clemson on deck for the ACC Championship. Miami did snap their 4-game losing streak last week in a 38-14 win over Virginia Tech. However, Miami got a 3-yard TD "Drive" after a TO and also got a 51-yard punt return TD. We're passing.

**Temple 48 CONNECTICUT 20.** Temple is a 30-point favorite here. That's the largest road favorite role for the Owls in our database dating back to 1980! It is deserved considering UConn has one of the worst defenses in college football history. Last week the Huskies were crushed by lowly ECU. Meanwhile, Temple benefited from 5 USF TO's in their come-from-behind win last week. USF actually led 17-0 at halftime. In the 4Q, Temple got a 73-yard punt return TD and also recovered a fumble in the end zone for a TD. We're passing.

**Kentucky 34 LOUISVILLE 17.** Kentucky beat Middle Tennessee 34-23 last week. However, MT had 24-15 first down and 392-324 yard edges. MT had 2 early TO's that were converted into 2 Kentucky TD's including a 66-yard interception return. Kentucky is on a 0-12 ATS run as a favorite. The Wildcats are 17-point favorites here and that is the biggest favorite role for Kentucky in the series. However, we want nothing to do with a Louisville team that is 1-10 ATS, off several blowout losses and are playing with an interim coach. Pass.

**CLEMSON 41 South Carolina 17.** This is tied for the largest spread in series history. Both teams come in off blowout wins. In fact, Clemson has won their last 6 games by 42 ppg and has won the last 4 series meetings by 24 ppg. Meanwhile, the Gamecocks have been a good dog as of late going 9-3 ATS the last 12 in that role. The Tigers do have the ACC Championship game on deck. Slight lean on the dog.

**MICHIGAN ST 31 Rutgers 6.** Can you really trust a Michigan St offense that is averaging just 20 ppg to cover this big of a number. Especially considering the total is only 37! Note that while Rutgers is 1-10 SU this season, the Scarlet Knights have covered 4 straight games and are also playing well on the defensive side. However, their offense has been atrocious and last week Rutgers QB's were a combined 5 of 16 for 46 yards and 2 INT's.

**Georgia Southern 33 GEORGIA ST 24.** Last week, Georgia Southern had 19-11 first down and 442-189 yard edges including 409-74 on the ground in their win over Coastal Carolina. Meanwhile, Georgia St was hammered at Appalachian St and have now lost 6 straight games. Georgia St has actually won 3 straight meetings in this rivalry and we'll back them catching "doubles" at home.

**FIU 24 Marshall 23.** If FIU wins this game, they head to the CUSA Championship game next week. However, all the early week money has come in on Marshall here. Last week, the Thundering Herd Marshall dominated UTSA with 22-10 first down and 505-137 yard edges. The Herd defense limited UTSA to -26 yards rushing, a school record for fewest yards allowed. Marshall QB Isaiah Green was only 19 of 36 but threw for a career-high 387 yards. Meanwhile FIU beat Charlotte 42-35. However, Charlotte had 28-21 first down and 534-490 yard edges but were -2 in TO's including a fumble that was returned 61 yards for a TD. We lean with the home dog.

**BOSTON COLLEGE 31 Syracuse 24.** Obviously, we were wrong on these pages last week with our Syracuse recommendation as they were crushed by Notre Dame. Syracuse QB Eric Dungey was KO'd from the game early and backup Tommy DeVito was just 14 of 31 for 105 yards and 2 INT's. Meanwhile, BC lost outright at Florida St as they gave up a long TD pass late. BC QB Anthony Brown returned from injury and was 18 of 36 for 297 yards but only had a 1-2 ratio. BC RB Dillon ran a season-high 37 times for 116 yards. Dillon is the first BC rusher to have back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons in the 120-year history of the program. Until Dungey's status clears, we're passing.

**2★ OHIO ST 27 Michigan 26.** The Game. Winner goes to the Big Ten Championship game. Obviously, the Buckeyes have owned the rivalry as of late as they are 13-1 SU the last 14 years. However, Ohio State is a 4.5-point home underdog here. It's the first time the Buckeyes have been an underdog in any game since the National Championship vs Oregon 52 games ago! It's also the first time Urban Meyer has been an underdog at home since 2003 when he was at Utah. Note that Ohio St is on a 14-2 ATS run as an underdog and are a perfect 6-0 SU/ATS in that role under Meyer. Michigan is the superior team especially on defense but the Buckeyes have the better offense (688 yards last week). We'd be kicking ourselves if we didn't take the Buckeyes in this unique role and they were more than a TD favorite in the summer "Game of Year" lines.

**NORTHWESTERN 34 Illinois 17.** Obviously, we weren't the only ones fading Northwestern last week as the Gophers were actually favored by a FG on game day. That was a joke, Northwestern head coach Pat Fitzgerald said, adding: "The level of respect for the guys in that locker room is not very high because of a couple games earlier in the year." On the other side, Illinois was run over by Iowa last week 63-0. It tied the largest margin of defeat in Illinois history, matching a 63-0 loss to the University of Chicago in 1906. Note that Northwestern does have the Big Ten Championship game on deck and the underdog in Northwestern games is on a 11-0-1 ATS run. We lean with the UNDER here.

**GEORGIA 37 Georgia Tech 20.** Is UGA looking ahead to Alabama next week? Keep in mind, UGA still needs to win out to get to the playoff. Meanwhile Georgia Tech is off a phony OT win last week vs UVA (see page 1). Still you have to give credit to Paul Johnson for turning the season around after a poor start. While the visitor is on a 17-2-1 ATS run in series, 21 of Georgia's last 23 wins have come by 14 points or more including all 10 this year. We lean UNDER.

**DUKE 34 Wake Forest 24.** Wake Forest needs a win to get to bowl eligibility. Last week the Demon Deacons actually led Pitt 10-6 at halftime but were run over in the second half. On the other side, Duke was out-classed at Clemson 35-6. We lean with the dog who has more to play for. Also note Duke has dropped their last 4 games ATS at home.

**WISCONSIN 31 Minnesota 17.** Wisconsin is on a 14-0 SU/8-6 ATS run in the battle for Paul Bunyan's Axe. Last week Wisconsin had a 545-462 yard edge including 385-76 on the ground in their come-from-behind 3OT win at Purdue. The Boilers actually led 27-13 with under 10 minutes left and according to ESPN's win probability had a 96% chance of winning. Wisconsin RB Taylor ran for 321 yards and 3 TD's. On the other side, we dropped a 3★ on these pages with Minnesota last week. The yards were pretty close as Minnesota had a 18-16 first down edge but Northwestern had a 325-306 yard edge. Minnesota was -3 in TO's. This line is way too cheap. We like Wisconsin and the UNDER.

**NC State 33 NORTH CAROLINA 27.** The Wolf Pack come in off a blowout win over Louisville last week. NC State had 29-19 first down and 518-411 yard edge edges but were +2 in TO's. The Wolf Pack outscored the Cardinals 35-7 in the second half. Meanwhile, NC got only their 2nd win of the season as they beat FCS Western Carolina. NC had a 654-433 yard edge including 296-133 on the ground. The dog has gone 15-5 ATS in the series but we don't see a lot of value.

**LOUISIANA TECH 31 Western Kentucky 17.** Last week WKU crushed UTEP 40-16. WKU had 22-11 first down and 422-392 yard edges but also picked off UTEP 5 times in the first half that led to 31 WKU points as the Hilltoppers actually led 40-0 at halftime. Meanwhile, LT had 20-19 first down and 311-280 yard edges in a 1-point loss at Southern Miss. We lean with the home team.

**Old Dominion 34 RICE 26.** Last week Old Dominion crushed FCS VMI 77-14. ODU had 32-15 first down and 509-288 yard edges including 339-72 on the ground. ODU scored two non-offensive TD's. On the other side, Rice covered at LSU in a 42-10 loss. LSU had 31-15 first down and 552-198 yard edges. Rice got a late TD with under 3 minutes left to cap a 75-yard drive. We're passing.

**Southern Miss 31 UTEP 17.** Southern Miss can clinch bowl eligibility with a win here. Last week they got a 1-point win at home vs Louisiana Tech. LT actually had 20-19 first down and 311-280 yard edges. However, Southern Miss scored the game-winning TD with 6:02 left. Meanwhile, UTEP actually trailed WKU 40-0 at halftime last week. UTEP QB Kai Lockley was just 1 of 9 for 2 yards and had 3 INT's before getting pulled. We're leaning OVER.

**LIBERTY 40 New Mexico St 31.** We get the super rare regular season rematch here as New Mexico St beat Liberty 49-41 as 3.5-point underdogs back on October 6. Both teams come in off blowout losses. New Mexico St lost 45-14 at BYU (-3 TO's) while Liberty was shut out by Auburn (-4 TO's). Liberty gets revenge here but we don't see too much value on the side. We lean UNDER.

**BOISE ST 34 Utah St 30.** The winner goes to the Mountain West Championship game. Boise St comes in with extra time to prep after playing on Friday last week. The Broncos dominated New Mexico with 30-15 first down and 449-262 yard edges. Meanwhile, 29-point favorite Utah State only beat Colorado St 29-24. Colorado St had 29-16 first down and 506-310 yard edges and the Rams held the ball for 42:05! Utah St got a 95-yard interception return TD (14-point swing) and a 32-yard interception return TD. Utah St also got a 33-yard TD pass with :43 left but Colorado St scored on the final play of the game only to get it called back on penalty. Since 1999, Boise St is 120-8 SU at home. Nuff said.

**UTAH 27 BYU 17.** Utah has beat rival BYU 7 straight times in the "Holy War" but 6 of those have come by 7 points or less. The Utes do have their first ever appearance in the Pac-12 Championship game on deck. BYU comes in off a blowout win over New Mexico St. BYU had 25-20 first down and 510-312 yard edges including 317-48 on the ground. Meanwhile, Utah out-scored Colorado 23-0 in the second half last week. Utah had 19-14 first down and 390-196 yard edges including 169-34 on the ground. Slightest of leans on the Cougars here.

**APPALACHIAN ST 30 Troy 21.** The winner of this one goes to the first ever Sun Belt Championship game. Appalachian St is off a 28-point win over Georgia St. The Mountaineers had 25-15 first down and 524-329 yard edges. QB Zac Thomas was 20 of 24 for 282 yards and 3 TD's. Meanwhile, Troy was +6 TO's vs Texas St last week and still only won 12-7 as 22.5-point favorites! Texas St had a 284-220 yard edge. Troy is on a 8-0-1 ATS run as a road underdog and that's where we are leaning.

**Wyoming 27 NEW MEXICO 21.** Wyoming needs a win to get to bowl eligibility. Last week, they actually trailed Air Force 27-14 late 3Q. Wyoming lost its top two offensive players in early in the game. QB Chambers is out for this one while RB Nico Evans is questionable. QB Vander Waal came off the bench and tossed 2 TD passes, including the go-ahead score on a 22-yard strike with 1:09 left in the game. On the other side, this could be New Mexico head coach Bob Davie's final game. Last week, the Lobos were drilled at home to Boise St. We don't see too much value here with the Wyoming injuries.

**MIDDLE TENNESSEE 26 Uab 25.** UAB has already clinched a berth in the CUSA Championship game next week. Meanwhile, Middle Tennessee needs a win and an FIU loss to get there (they will know their fate as FIU game is a Noon start). Both teams are off misleading losses last week to SEC teams. Middle Tennessee lost 34-23 at Kentucky. However, MT had 24-15 first down and 392-324 yard edges. MT had 2 early TO's that were converted into 2 Kentucky TD's including a 66-yard interception return. Texas A&M beat UAB 41-20. However, UAB had 3 TO's including a fumble on the opening kickoff that was returned for a TD. UAB also missed 3 FG's. We're taking the home team here who has more to play for.

**CALIFORNIA 28 Colorado 17.** After a 5-0 start to the season, Colorado has lost 6 straight games and fired head coach Mike MacIntyre. Last week the Buffs were actually tied with Utah 7-7 at halftime but were out-scored 23-0 in the second half. Meanwhile, California is off an unscheduled bye last week as their game against rival Stanford was post-poned due to the wild fires. We lean OVER.

**2★ Stanford 34 UCLA 23.** We like Stanford here. The Cardinal got an unexpected bye last week with the postponed Cal game that allows two of their best players WR JJ Arcega-Whiteside and RB Bryce Love to be as healthy as they've been in weeks for this game. Meanwhile, UCLA is off a huge win over arch rival USC last week. Is there a let down for the Bruins here? Note that Stanford has owned the series with a 10-0 SU/9-1 ATS run. Make it 11-0 with 10 covers.

**VANDERBILT 27 Tennessee 24.** The winner gets to bowl eligibility. Last week Vanderbilt got a misleading OT win over Ole Miss as the Rebels had 28-21 first down and 578-387 yard edges including 457-191 through the air. On the other side, Missouri dominated Tennessee with 29-11 first down and 484-255 yard edges but it was a 13-10 game late in the 2Q. Tennessee QB Jarrett Guarantano was KO'd early and Keller Chryst was just 7 of 19 for 173 yards and an 0-2 ratio. Until Guarantano's injury situation clears, we're passing.

**Oklahoma St 28 TCU 24.** Last week, TCU was down to its third string QB and last scholarship RB but took advantage of 3 Baylor TO's in a 16-9 win. "That was a gutsy win, Patterson said. "Want to know what kind of heart and what this program is about, you just need to watch that ball game. There wasn't any reason why we should have won." The Frogs have had at least 36 players miss much or all of the season and that is a major reason why they are 5-6 needing a win here to get to a bowl. Meanwhile, Oklahoma St rallied to beat West Virginia 45-41. Oklahoma St had 35-25 first down and 604-553 yard edges and won despite being -3 in TO's. We're leaning with the UNDER as we question TCU's ability to score.

**Florida 27 FLORIDA ST 21.** The early money has come in on Florida here. The Gators have a match-up advantage with their pressure defense vs FSU OL that is bottom 5 in the country in TFL's allowed. Florida St is in jeopardy of missing out on a bowl game for first time since 1981. The Noles were fortunate to win last week vs Boston College as they got a long TD pass with under 2 minutes left. Florida St has gone 5-0 SU/4-1 ATS in series but find themselves a dog to Florida for first time since 2009. Pass on the side, lean with the UNDER which has gone 9-3 in the team's last 12 meetings.

**PENN ST 34 Maryland 21.** While Maryland needs a win to get to a bowl, how do they pick themselves back up after that heart-breaking loss to Ohio St in OT last week? Ohio St had 36-18 first down and 688-535 yard edges but had 3 TO's in that one. Meanwhile, Penn St failed to cover vs lowly Rutgers last week. Penn St had 19-17 first down and 322-234 yard edges and Penn St QB Trace McSorley was only 17 of 37 for 183 yards. The win was No. 30 for McSorley as a starter, moving him into the top spot in school history ahead of Todd Blackledge (1980-82) and Tony Sacca (1988-91). Slight lean on the OVER here.

† **Texas Tech 35 Baylor 28.** @AT&T Stadium in Arlington, TX. Both teams need a win to get to a bowl game. The Red Raiders had been averaging 383 yards passing per game, second-best nationally, but were shut down by Kansas St last week. On the other side, Baylor had a 20-14 first down edge vs TCU but were done in by a -3 TO margin. TCU scored 9 points off those TO's and that was the difference. We don't see too much value here.

**FRESNO ST 43 San Jose St 13.** Fresno St has the Mountain West Championship game on deck so we're not sure you want to be laying the wood here. The Bulldogs have failed to cover in each of their last two games. Last week Fresno St did have a 17-8 first down edge and a 390-282 yard edge in a 23-14 win over San Diego St. Meanwhile, San Jose State covered at home vs Nevada in a 21-12 loss. However, Nevada had 24-11 first down and 463-200 yard edges including 149-30 on the ground. We lean with the OVER here.

**IOWA ST 28 Kansas St 15.** Kansas St needs a win to get to a bowl and this could be Hall of Fame head coach Bill Snyder's last regular season game. Last week Kansas St dominated Texas Tech with 22-11 first down and 367-181 yard edges including 154-31 on the ground. On the other side, Iowa St was out-classed at Texas last week which ended the Cyclones Big 12 Championship hopes. Texas had 20-12 first down and 405-210 yard edges. Lean OVER.

**TEXAS A&M 24 Lsu 21.** LSU is on a 7-0 SU/ATS series run vs Texas A&M. However, A&M has covered 7 straight home games. We feel Texas A&M is one of the most underrated teams in the country as far as the National Media goes. They are unranked in the AP Poll but yet find themselves a 3-point home favorite over the No. 8 Tigers. Vegas is spot on here. Remember, the Aggies have 4 losses this year and two are to the Top 2 teams in the country (Bama and Clemson). While A&M was fortunate to cover last week vs UAB, A&M did have a 8.2-5.5 yards per play advantage. We lean with the UNDER.

**Purdue 31 INDIANA 28.** Old Oaken Bucket and a bowl bid is on the line here. Is the Jeff Brohm to Louisville talk distracting the Boilers? Sure seems that way as Purdue has lost back-to-back games outright as a favorite. Last week, Purdue led Wisconsin 27-13 with under 10 minutes left and according to ESPN's win probability had a 96% chance of winning. However, they would end up losing in OT. Purdue QB David Blough was 31 of 48 for 386 yards and 4 TD's. Meanwhile, Indiana easily covered at Michigan last week but note Michigan settled for 6 short FG's (all less than 35-yards). We're leaning UNDER.

**TULANE 30 Navy 24.** Tulane needs a win to get to bowl eligibility. Remember they came up one-yard short on the final play of the game vs SMU in the finale last year of getting to a bowl. The Green Wave do have a couple extra days to prep for the option as they were crushed at Houston last Thursday. Meanwhile, Navy had a 389-164 rushing yard edge as they broke their 7-game losing streak in a win over Tulsa. We're passing.

**UL-Lafayette 35 UL-MONROE 34.** The visitor is on a 12-1-1 ATS run in the series. ULL needs a win to get to the Sun Belt Championship game while ULM needs a win and an Arkansas St loss. Last week ULM lost to Arkansas St 31-17. Meanwhile, ULL got a 10-point win over South Alabama. Do note that South Alabama had 27-17 first down and 477-407 yard edges but had 3 TO's. We like the dog here.

**3\* Smu 34 TULSA 24.** We love the situation here for SMU. The Ponies, at 5-6 have everything to play for as they need a win to get to bowl eligibility. SMU has played a tough schedule this year and all of their losses are to solid teams (North Texas, TCU, Michigan, UCF, Cincy and Memphis). Tulsa, meanwhile is not a solid team as the Golden Hurricane are on a 1-15 SU run vs FBS opponents and their only win is against UConn, the worst team in the FBS this season.

**FLORIDA ATLANTIC 37 Charlotte 20.** FAU needs a win to get to bowl eligibility. Last week they lost a shoot-out at North Texas. It was an even game as North Texas had 25-20 first down and 511-489 yard edges. North Texas did lead 17-0 early before FAU went on a 24-3 run. Meanwhile, Charlotte lost to FIU 42-34. However, Charlotte had 28-21 first down and 534-490 yard edges but were -2 in TO's including a fumble that was returned 61 yards for a TD. The 49ers then decided to fire coach Brad Lambert. FAU can name the score here.

**Arkansas St 34 TEXAS ST 20.** Arkansas St needs a win here and a UL-Lafayette loss to get to the Sun Belt Championship game. Last week, the Red Wolves got a 14-point win over ULM. Meanwhile, Texas St -6 TO's vs Troy and still only lost 12-7 as 22.5-point underdogs! Texas St had a 284-220 yard edge but QB Tyler Vitt was 9 of 23 for 155 yards and 5 INT's. Texas St then fired head coach Everett Withers this week. Not sure that will be a good look for this one.

**North Texas 37 UTSA 13.** UTSA is getting a lot of money bet against them the last couple of weeks as the Road Runners are really banged up. Last week they got shutout 23-0 at Marshall (but UTSA did cover). Marshall dominated with 22-10 first down and 505-137 yard edges and the Herd defense limited UTSA to -26 yards rushing. On the other side, North Texas got a big win over FAU. It was an even game as North Texas had 25-20 first down and 511-489 yard edges. North Texas did lead 17-0 early before FAU went on a 24-3 run. NT RB DeAndre Torrey ran for 184 yards including a game-clinching 92-yard TD run. We're passing.

**Notre Dame 34 USC 20.** The motivation is simple for unbeaten Notre Dame. Win this one and the Fighting Irish are in the college football playoff. Meanwhile, USC is trying to avoid their worst season since 2000. Last week the Irish crushed us on these pages in their 36-3 win over Syracuse. ND's defense held the Cuse to just 234 yards and the Cuse got a field goal with :10 left to prevent shutout. On the other side, USC blew another second half lead, this time to cross-town rival UCLA. Now head coach Clay Helton is clearly on the hot seat and quite simply Helton is over-matched vs good competition. The Trojans are just 1-12 ATS in the underdog role and note that this is the largest home underdog role for USC since 1997.

**ALABAMA 38 Auburn 13.** Alabama should be motivated here as they have revenge from last year's loss to Auburn. They also should be focused off that bad performance last week vs Citadel which saw the Tide tied 10-10 at halftime (Bama was a 42-point first half favorite!!!). Usually Alabama head coach Saban has taken the air out of the ball in these match-ups but now he has best offense since he's been here and they are capable of covering a huge number. Roll Tide!

**Nevada 34 UNLV 26.** We like the Rebs here in the Battle for the Fremont Cannon. Last week UNLV blew a 28-13 4Q lead. Hawaii had 18-16 first down and 411-308 yard edges including 328-87 through the air. However, 190 of those yards came in the 4Q. UNLV QB Armani Rogers, back from injury was only 5 of 15 for 60 yards. Meanwhile Nevada had 24-11 first down and 463-200 yard edges including 149-30 on the ground in their non-covering win at San Jose St. This is an extremely important game for UNLV head coach Tony Sanchez and we expect an all-out effort.

**SAN DIEGO ST 34 Hawaii 17.** Last week, Hawaii trailed UNLV 28-13 in the 4Q. However, Hawaii freshman QB Chevan Cordeiro came on in the 4Q and was 4 of 5 for 153 yards and 3 TD's to lead the comeback win. Hawaii had 18-16 first down and 411-308 yard edges including 328-87 through the air. 190 of those yards came in the 4Q. On the other side, San Diego St lost their 2nd straight game, this time to Fresno St 23-14. Now the Aztecs need a feel good win to close out their regular season while Hawaii has already clinched a bowl berth.

**ARIZONA 31 Arizona St 30.** The home team has won 5 straight in the Territorial Cup. The Wildcats need a win to get to bowl eligibility while the Sun Devils locked that up a couple of weeks ago. ASU is off a misleading cover vs Oregon last week. The Ducks had a 449-324 yard edge but were -3 in TO's. Still Oregon was covering for most of the game until Arizona St's last TD in the 4Q. The Ducks led 28-13 at halftime. On the other side, Arizona remarkably trailed Washington St 55-14 at halftime as the Wildcats were done in by 4 TO's. Those TO's usually have a way of working themselves out and we find a little bit of value on the home dog here.

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### Updated College Football Power Ratings for Week 13

Rank	Team	Pre	11/21	Rank	Team	Pre	11/21	Rank	Team	Pre	11/21	Rank	Team	Pre	11/21
1	Alabama	96.80	105.80	34	NC State	77.90	77.90	67	Minnesota	70.83	68.83	100	Western Michigan	63.47	58.97
2	Clemson	96.04	99.54	35	Purdue	75.25	77.75	68	Houston	71.76	68.76	101	Illinois	63.73	58.73
3	Georgia	93.18	94.18	36	Texas Tech	75.56	77.56	69	Army	66.23	68.73	102	UL-Lafayette	51.29	57.79
4	Michigan	90.01	94.01	37	Oregon	81.48	77.48	70	Wake Forest	76.55	68.55	103	Louisville	79.18	57.68
5	Notre Dame	87.75	90.25	38	Pittsburgh	74.93	77.43	71	Florida Atlantic	76.83	68.33	104	UL-Monroe	58.48	57.48
6	Oklahoma	91.33	88.83	39	Arizona State	72.77	77.27	72	UAB	61.07	68.07	105	Hawaii	48.33	56.33
7	Ohio State	94.53	88.03	40	Northwestern	77.89	76.89	73	San Diego State	72.49	67.99	106	East Carolina	53.84	55.84
8	Mississippi State	85.77	85.27	41	Syracuse	69.42	76.42	74	Buffalo	62.12	67.62	107	Old Dominion	57.14	55.64
9	West Virginia	79.44	84.94	42	Kentucky	71.27	76.27	75	Northern Illinois	67.55	67.55	108	Rutgers	63.45	54.95
10	LSU	82.24	84.74	43	California	75.81	75.81	76	North Texas	63.26	67.26	109	Charlotte	50.83	54.33
11	Missouri	80.05	83.55	44	Nebraska	74.17	75.67	77	North Carolina	71.19	67.19	110	UNLV	59.65	54.15
12	Washington	90.26	83.26	45	Virginia	66.53	75.53	78	Nevada	61.62	67.12	111	Western Kentucky	55.14	54.14
13	Penn State	88.57	83.07	46	Duke	77.90	75.40	79	Middle Tennessee	67.58	67.08	112	Colorado State	60.55	54.05
14	Auburn	90.27	82.77	47	Memphis	76.26	74.76	80	Marshall	68.90	66.90	113	New Mexico	55.41	53.41
15	Washington State	72.19	82.69	48	Appalachian State	65.65	74.65	81	Air Force	61.10	66.60	114	Massachusetts	59.87	53.37
16	Texas	83.93	82.43	49	Maryland	70.54	74.54	82	Miami (OH)	63.53	66.53	115	Liberty	47.65	53.15
17	Texas A&M	81.73	82.23	50	USC	84.38	74.38	83	Arkansas	73.15	66.15	116	Akron	55.98	52.98
18	Iowa	77.70	82.20	51	Florida State	84.04	73.54	84	Toledo	68.34	65.34	117	Coastal Carolina	51.35	52.85
19	Florida	81.18	80.68	52	TCU	82.01	72.51	85	Eastern Michigan	60.29	65.29	118	Ball State	51.27	52.77
20	Utah	81.16	80.66	53	Ole Miss	74.30	72.30	86	Tulane	62.69	65.19	119	Central Michigan	56.40	51.90
21	Iowa State	78.31	80.31	54	Vanderbilt	67.74	72.24	87	Troy	64.82	64.82	120	Bowling Green	55.68	51.68
22	Stanford	86.18	80.18	55	Indiana	72.63	72.13	88	SMU	62.70	64.70	121	Kent State	48.22	50.22
23	UCF	78.16	80.16	56	Temple	67.98	71.98	89	USF	69.65	64.65	122	San Jose State	48.25	49.25
24	Michigan State	87.55	80.05	57	Tennessee	70.55	71.55	90	Louisiana Tech	66.45	64.45	123	Texas State	48.82	48.82
25	Oklahoma State	81.99	79.49	58	Arizona	78.38	71.38	91	Kansas	60.47	63.97	124	Georgia State	53.10	48.10
26	Boston College	79.57	79.07	59	Cincinnati	59.73	71.23	92	Arkansas State	66.96	63.96	125	New Mexico State	56.14	47.64
26	Fresno State	72.57	79.07	60	Ohio	69.61	71.11	93	FIU	55.74	63.74	126	South Alabama	52.48	46.98
28	Miami (FL)	85.86	78.86	61	Kansas State	76.46	70.96	94	Wyoming	65.38	62.38	126	UTEP	45.98	46.98
29	South Carolina	80.47	78.47	62	Virginia Tech	80.28	70.78	95	Southern Miss	58.35	61.35	128	UTSA	55.05	46.05
30	Utah State	66.88	78.38	63	BYU	65.88	70.38	96	Georgia Southern	58.22	61.22	129	Rice	49.46	43.96
31	Georgia Tech	78.86	78.36	64	UCLA	73.53	70.03	97	Navy	69.00	60.50	130	Connecticut	52.42	41.92
32	Wisconsin	90.14	78.14	65	Colorado	69.52	69.52	98	Tulsa	60.24	60.24				
33	Boise State	80.43	77.93	66	Baylor	74.94	68.94	99	Oregon State	59.11	59.61				

Team	Points
Utah St	+11.5
Cincinnati	+11.5
Washington St	+10.5
Virginia	+9.0
Alabama	+9.0
Appalachian St	+9.0
FIU	+8.0
Hawaii	+8.0
UAB	+7.0
Syracuse	+7.0
Miami, FL	-7.0
Washington	-7.0
Arizona	-7.0
Michigan St	-7.5
Auburn	-7.5
Wake Forest	-8.0
Florida Atl	-8.5
Rutgers	-8.5
New Mex St	-8.5
Navy	-8.5
UTSA	-9.0
TCU	-9.5
Virginia Tech	-9.5
USC	-10.0
Connecticut	-10.5
Florida St	-10.5
Wisconsin	-12.0
Louisville	-21.5

# Week 13 Computer Projected Lines for Every CFB Game

For the past couple of seasons we have posted computer projected lines at pregame.com. Games where there was of difference of more than 3 points saw our computer lines actually beat the Vegas line at a 155-129-7 (55%) clip the last two years. That's pretty solid and actually better than our own handicapping (much to our dismay). So far this year's plays are 56-42-3. Keep in mind, these computer lines don't take into consideration off-the-field factors like revenge or flat spots. They are basically a power-rating number difference between the two teams that also takes into consideration the home field advantage.

Of the 11 games where our computer is off more than 3 points compared to the Vegas line (highlighted), our favorite team this week to back would be **Ohio St +4.5**

The Comp column is the computer projected line and the Diff column is the difference between the Vegas line and the Computer line. "+" numbers in the difference column say back the underdog. "-" numbers in the difference column say back the favorite. Let us know if you have questions.

Thursday, November 22nd				Game	Line	Comp	Diff	
111	Colorado State			171 NC State				
112	Air Force	-14.5	-16.8	-2.3	172 North Carolina	+7	+7.0	0.0
113	Mississippi State				173 Western Kentucky			
114	Ole Miss	+11	+8.7	+2.3	174 Louisiana Tech	-11	-14.1	-3.1
Friday, November 23rd				175 Old Dominion				
115	Akron				176 Rice	+8	+8.9	-0.9
116	Ohio	-24	-22.1	+1.9	177 Southern Miss			
117	East Carolina				178 UTEP	+13	+11.9	+1.1
118	Cincinnati	-19.5	-18.9	+0.6	179 New Mexico State			
119	Eastern Michigan				180 Liberty	-8	-7.8	+0.2
120	Kent State	+13.5	+12.6	+0.9	181 Utah State			
121	Buffalo				182 Boise State	-2.5	-4.3	-1.8
122	Bowling Green	+14.5	+13.2	+1.3	183 BYU			
123	Nebraska				184 Utah	-12	-14.5	-2.5
124	Iowa	-10	-11.0	-1.0	185 Troy			
125	Texas				186 Appalachian St	-10.5	-13.3	-2.8
126	Kansas	+15	+15.7	-0.7	187 Wyoming			
127	Arkansas				188 New Mexico	+7	+6.0	+1.0
128	Missouri	-23	-21.2	+1.8	189 UAB			
129	Coastal Carolina				190 Middle Tennessee	+2.5	-2.5	+5.0
130	South Alabama	PK	+2.9	-2.9	191 Colorado			
131	Central Michigan				192 California	-12.5	-10.0	+2.5
132	Toledo	-18.5	-17.7	+0.8	193 Stanford			
133	Central Florida				194 UCLA	+6.5	+6.2	+0.3
134	South Florida	+14	+11.8	+2.2	195 Tennessee			
135	Oregon				196 Vanderbilt	-3.5	-3.9	-0.4
136	Oregon State	+17.5	+14.9	+2.6	197 Oklahoma State			
137	Houston				198 TCU	+5	+2.5	+2.5
138	Memphis	-7	-9.8	-2.8	199 Florida			
139	Virginia				200 Florida State	+6.5	+2.4	+4.1
140	Virginia Tech	+4.5	+0.2	+4.3	201 Maryland			
141	Oklahoma				202 Penn State	-13.5	-13.5	0.0
142	West Virginia	+2.5	-0.4	+2.9	203 Texas Tech			
143	Washington				204 Baylor	+6.5	+8.6	-2.1
144	Washington State	-2.5	-3.4	-0.9	205 San Jose State			
Saturday, November 24th				206 Fresno State	-32	-33.6	-1.6	
145	Pittsburgh				207 Kansas State			
146	Miami Florida	-4.5	-5.9	-1.4	208 Iowa State	-13	-12.9	+0.1
147	Temple				209 LSU			
148	Connecticut	+30	+27.3	+2.7	210 Texas A&M	-3	-1.7	+1.3
149	Kentucky				211 Purdue			
150	Louisville	+17	+14.1	+2.9	212 Indiana	+4	+2.4	+1.6
151	South Carolina				213 Navy			
152	Clemson	-26.5	-26.3	+0.2	214 Tulane	-7	-7.4	-0.4
153	Rutgers				215 UL - Lafayette			
154	Michigan State	-27	-29.6	-2.6	216 UL - Monroe	-3	-2.4	+0.6
155	Georgia Southern				217 SMU			
156	Georgia State	+11	+10.6	+0.4	218 Tulsa	+2	+1.2	+0.8
157	Marshall				219 Charlotte			
158	FIU	+3	+0.2	+2.8	220 Florida Atlantic	-17.5	-16.8	+0.7
159	Syracuse				221 Arkansas State			
160	Boston College	-7	-6.1	+0.9	222 Texas State	+12	+12.6	-0.6
161	Michigan				223 North Texas			
162	Ohio State	+4.5	+0.7	+3.8	224 UTSA	+24	+18.5	+5.5
163	Illinois				225 Notre Dame			
164	Northwestern	-17	-21.7	-4.7	226 USC	+11	+10.9	+0.1
165	Georgia Tech				227 Auburn			
166	Georgia	-17	-20.8	-3.8	228 Alabama	-24	-28.5	-4.5
167	Wake Forest				229 Nevada			
168	Duke	-11.5	-10.4	+1.1	230 UNLV	+13.5	+10.2	+3.3
169	Minnesota				231 Hawaii			
170	Wisconsin	-10.5	-14.6	-4.1	232 San Diego State	-17	-15.7	+1.3
					233 Arizona State			
					234 Arizona	+1.5	+2.1	-0.6

# Top 20 CFB ATS Trends for Week 13

- Eastern Michigan is a 13.5-point favorite at Kent St on Friday. That's the largest away favorite role for the Eagles since 1995. However, note that Eastern Michigan is on a 15-2 ATS run on the road.
- Bowling Green is just 2-15 ATS at home in their last 17 games. This week the Falcons are 14.5-point dogs hosting Buffalo.
- Virginia Tech is on a 14-0 SU/10-4 ATS run vs Virginia. However, this week the Hokies find themselves a 4.5-point home underdog to the Cavaliers.
- This week's total of 84 between Oklahoma and West Virginia is the highest total of the season in college football so far.
- Washington St is a 2.5-point favorite hosting rival Washington in the Apple Cup on Friday. That's the first time Washington St has been favored in the rivalry since 2006.
- Temple is a 30-point favorite at Connecticut this week. That's the largest road favorite role for the Owls in our database dating back to 1980.
- Kentucky is 0-12 ATS as a favorite. This week the Wildcats are 17-point favorites at Louisville, the biggest favorite role for Kentucky in the series.
- Ohio State is a 4.5-point home underdog to Michigan this week. It's the first time the Buckeyes have been an underdog in any game since the National Championship vs Oregon 52 games ago!
- Ohio St is on a 14-2 ATS run as an underdog and are a perfect 6-0 SU/ATS in that role under Urban Meyer.
- The underdog in Northwestern games is on a 11-0-1 ATS run. This week the Illinois is an 17-point underdog at Northwestern.
- The visitor is on a 17-2-1 ATS run in the Georgia/Georgia Tech series. This year Georgia Tech is a 17-point underdog at Georgia.
- Wisconsin is on a 14-0 SU/8-6 ATS run vs rival Minnesota. This week the Badgers are 10.5-point home favorites.
- Utah has beat rival BYU 7 straight times in the "Holy War" but 6 of those have come by 7 points or less. This week the Utes are 12-point favorites hosting the Cougars.
- Troy is on a 8-0-1 ATS run as a road underdog. This week the Trojans are 10.5-point underdogs at Appalachian St.
- Stanford is 10-0 SU/9-1 ATS vs UCLA in their last 10 meetings. This week the Cardinal are 6.5-point favorites at UCLA.
- Florida St is on a 5-0 SU run over rival Florida but this week find themselves a 6.5-point home underdog to the Gators. It's the first time the Noles have been underdogs in the series since 2009.
- LSU is on a 7-0 SU/ATS series run vs Texas A&M. This week the Tigers are 3-point road underdogs at Texas A&M.
- The visitor is on a 12-1-1 ATS run in the UL-Lafayette/UL-Monroe series. This week ULL is a 3-point road favorite at ULM.
- Notre Dame is a 11-point favorite at USC this week. It's the largest home underdog role for the Trojans since 1997.
- USC is on a 1-12 ATS run as an underdog.

4★ = BEST  
3★ = BETTER  
2★ = GOOD  
1★ = FAIR

## THE POWERS' PACK

- 3★ **BUFFALO +3.5 (-120) over Jacksonville**
- 2★ **CAROLINA -3.5 over Seattle**
- 2★ **DENVER +3 (EV) over Pittsburgh**

### Games in Rotation Order

### HOME TEAM IN CAPS

#### Thursday, November 22nd

**Chicago 23 DETROIT 21.** Very short travel spot for Chicago. The Minnesota game was flexed out to SNF and now they have an early start on Thursday! Two weeks ago, Detroit was +7 at Chicago, that means this line would've been Detroit +1 at home. Chicago was up 34-10 in that game two weeks ago before allowing a couple of late TD's. Detroit QB Stafford has been sacked 17 times in last 4 games including 6 vs Bears and Detroit RB Johnson has a knee sprain. However, Bears QB Trubisky is ? here and that has us leaning with the home team.

**DALLAS 22 Washington 16.** After back-to-back outright upset wins, everyone is patting Dallas on the back and now the Cowboys are the NFC East division favorites! Keep in mind, the Cowboys are 13-22 ATS laying 7 points or more and "America's Team" is certainly overpriced on Thanksgiving failing to bring home the Turkey 7 straight years! Yes, Alex Smith is out for the year but Colt McCoy is a solid back-up for Washington and it's tough laying more than a TD with a low total. We lean Skins.

**NEW ORLEANS 37 Atlanta 26.** After last week's crushing win over Philadelphia, the Saints have won 9 straight and covered 8 straight. Are they starting to get overpriced now? We're not so sure and keep in mind, Thanksgiving Day double-digit favorites are 11-0 SU/ATS. Meanwhile the Falcons are off a crushing loss to Dallas and now have to travel on short week. We lean OVER.

#### Sunday, November 25th

**3★ BUFFALO 20 Jacksonville 19.** We have a defensive home underdog with a motivational edge here. The Bills come in off a bye after a blowout win over the Jets two weeks ago that easily cashed on these pages. Meanwhile, what does Jacksonville have left? Two weeks ago, the Jags came up just short in Indy and then last week blew a 16-0 lead in the final seconds vs Pittsburgh. Now Jacksonville is officially out of the playoff race. Finally, the last we want is to back a Florida team traveling Buffalo in late November. Bills win outright. Also note that playoff revenge has been a big positive this season.

**BALTIMORE 26 Oakland 16.** Baltimore off a bye, got a 3-point win over Cincinnati last week in QB Lamar Jackson's first career start. Jackson had 150 yards passing and 117 yards rushing but had more rush attempts than any QB in the NFL since 1960. So we're not so sure that's going to be sustainable moving forward. Meanwhile, you can stop with all that "Raiders Tanking" talk as Oakland played hard last week and got the outright win over the Cardinals. We're passing.

**TAMPA BAY 28 San Francisco 27.** The 49ers come in fresh off a bye and have despite their 2-8 record have continued to play hard for head coach Kyle Shanahan. Meanwhile, what is the Tampa Bay mindset after another

### Updated NFL Records: Straight Up, ATS and Over/Under

Team	Straight-Up			Against The Spread			Over/Under		
	Total	Home	Away	Total	Home	Away	Total	Home	Away
Arizona	2-8-0	1-5-0	1-3-0	5-5-0	3-3-0	2-2-0	4-6-0	2-4-0	2-2-0
Atlanta	4-6-0	3-3-0	1-3-0	3-7-0	2-4-0	1-3-0	6-4-0	4-2-0	2-2-0
Baltimore	5-5-0	3-2-0	2-3-0	4-6-0	2-3-0	2-3-0	4-6-0	2-3-0	2-3-0
Buffalo	3-7-0	1-3-0	2-4-0	4-6-0	1-3-0	3-3-0	4-6-0	2-2-0	2-4-0
Carolina	6-4-0	5-0-0	1-4-0	5-5-0	4-1-0	1-4-0	6-4-0	4-1-0	2-3-0
Chicago	7-3-0	5-1-0	2-2-0	7-3-0	5-1-0	2-2-0	7-3-0	4-2-0	3-1-0
Cincinnati	5-5-0	3-2-0	2-3-0	5-5-0	2-3-0	3-2-0	7-3-0	3-2-0	4-1-0
Cleveland	3-6-1	3-2-1	0-4-0	6-4-0	4-2-0	2-2-0	5-5-0	3-3-0	2-2-0
Dallas	5-5-0	3-1-0	2-4-0	5-5-0	2-2-0	3-3-0	4-6-0	3-1-0	1-5-0
Denver	4-6-0	2-3-0	2-3-0	4-5-1	1-3-1	3-2-0	3-7-0	1-4-0	2-3-0
Detroit	4-6-0	3-2-0	1-4-0	6-4-0	3-2-0	3-2-0	6-4-0	2-3-0	4-1-0
Green Bay	4-5-1	4-0-1	0-5-0	4-5-1	3-2-0	1-3-1	6-4-0	3-2-0	3-2-0
Houston	7-3-0	3-1-0	4-2-0	4-6-0	1-3-0	3-3-0	4-6-0	2-2-0	2-4-0
Indianapolis	5-5-0	3-2-0	2-3-0	5-4-1	2-2-1	3-2-0	6-4-0	3-2-0	3-2-0
Jacksonville	3-7-0	2-4-0	1-3-0	3-5-2	2-3-1	1-2-1	4-6-0	2-4-0	2-2-0
Kansas City	9-2-0	5-0-0	4-2-0	8-2-1	3-2-0	5-0-1	6-5-0	1-4-0	5-1-0
L.A. Chargers	7-3-0	3-2-0	4-1-0	5-5-0	1-4-0	4-1-0	5-5-0	2-3-0	3-2-0
L.A. Rams	10-1-0	6-0-0	4-1-0	4-5-2	2-2-2	2-3-0	6-5-0	4-2-0	2-3-0
Miami	5-5-0	4-1-0	1-4-0	5-5-0	4-1-0	1-4-0	5-5-0	1-1-0	1-4-0
Minnesota	5-4-1	3-2-0	2-2-1	5-4-1	3-2-0	2-2-1	5-5-0	4-1-0	4-1-0
New England	7-3-0	5-0-0	2-3-0	6-4-0	4-1-0	2-3-0	4-6-0	2-3-0	2-3-0
New Orleans	9-1-0	4-1-0	5-0-0	8-2-0	3-2-0	5-0-0	5-5-0	3-2-0	2-3-0
N.Y. Giants	3-7-0	1-4-0	2-3-0	4-5-1	0-4-1	4-1-0	5-5-0	2-3-0	3-2-0
N.Y. Jets	3-7-0	2-3-0	1-4-0	3-7-0	2-3-0	1-4-0	6-4-0	4-1-0	2-3-0
Oakland	2-8-0	1-4-0	1-4-0	3-7-0	1-4-0	2-3-0	4-6-0	2-3-0	2-3-0
Philadelphia	4-6-0	2-3-0	2-3-0	3-7-0	1-4-0	2-3-0	4-6-0	1-4-0	3-2-0
Pittsburgh	7-2-1	3-2-0	4-0-1	6-3-1	3-2-0	3-1-1	6-4-0	4-1-0	2-3-0
San Francisco	2-8-0	2-3-0	0-5-0	3-7-0	1-4-0	2-3-0	6-4-0	3-2-0	3-2-0
Seattle	5-5-0	2-2-0	3-3-0	5-3-2	2-1-1	3-2-1	4-6-0	2-2-0	2-4-0
Tampa Bay	3-7-0	2-2-0	1-5-0	3-6-1	1-3-0	2-3-1	8-2-0	2-2-0	6-0-0
Tennessee	5-5-0	3-1-0	2-4-0	6-4-0	3-1-0	3-3-0	3-7-0	1-3-0	2-4-0
Washington	6-4-0	3-3-0	3-1-0	7-3-0	4-2-0	3-1-0	4-6-0	3-3-0	1-3-0

TO fest last week and yet another change at QB? The Bucs are 1-7 in their last 8 games and incredibly have a -25 TO ratio in those games. We lean with the 49ers here.

**PHILADELPHIA 24 N.Y. Giants 21.** Last week Philadelphia was arguably our worst selection on these pages this entire year. The expectation was the Eagles would give great effort after the loss to Dallas and we weren't alone in that expectation as the line went from Philadelphia +9 to +7.5. However, the Eagles suffered the biggest loss ever for a defending Super Bowl champ. Meanwhile, the Giants come in motivated after back-to-back wins. Last week Eli was 17 of 18 vs the Bucs and should have success against a really banged up Philly secondary.

**CINCINNATI 26 Cleveland 21.** The Browns come in off a bye. Prior to that, Cleveland had arguably their best performance of the season. QB Mayfield had 3 TD passes and only 2 incompletions. Meanwhile, RB Chubb had 176 rushing yards. Cincinnati meanwhile has lost 4 of their last 5 and have performed historically bad on defense during that stretch (allowed 400-plus yards in all of them). Note that Cincinnati has recently hired Hue Jackson and there will be some bad blood between these two in-state rivals. Cincinnati is on a 7-0 SU/ATS run vs Cleveland with an average win by 21 ppg.

**New England 28 N.Y. JETS 20.** Both teams come in off a bye after suffering blowout losses as TD favorites. The Pats have been rather pedestrian on the road this year suffering blowout losses to Jacksonville, Detroit and Tennessee (none of them world-beaters) and then got lucky covers vs Chicago and Buffalo thanks to several non-offensive TD's. However it's tough trusting a Jets team that has failed to cover in 4 straight and has QB issues as Sam Darnold is questionable.

**2★ CAROLINA 28 Seattle 21.** Seattle has extra time to prep off the Thursday Night win over Green Bay. Meanwhile, Carolina comes in off back-to-back losses but the Panthers have been much better at home this year (5-0 SU/4-1 ATS) as compared to the road (1-4 SU/ATS). The Panthers offense only averages 20 ppg on the road but that number jumps up to 32 ppg at home. More of the same here and this is also a dreaded 10am PT start for a West Coast team with a long travel spot.

**INDIANAPOLIS 28 Miami 21.** Sunday Night Owl customers got the Dolphins at +9 in this game as we anticipated a possible return of Miami QB Ryan Tannehill. Now the line is +7.5 and there has been clear value lost. The Dolphins come in fresh off a bye while the Colts are feeling great about themselves after 4 straight wins for the first time in 4 years. QB Andrew Luck hasn't been sacked in 5 straight games (a 27-year high in the NFL) and probably won't this week vs a Miami defense No. 29 in sack rate this year. Slightest of leans on the Dolphins.

**L.A. CHARGERS 27 Arizona 17.** Both teams lost in the final seconds last week as decent-sized favorites. Arizona rookie QB Josh Rosen does return to L.A. where played at UCLA. He will be up against it here as Chargers DE Joey Bosa returned last week. However, outside of the Denver game, the Cardinals defense has been playing well as of late and a couple weeks ago held the KC offense in check. Lean Cardinals.

**2★ DENVER 24 Pittsburgh 23.** This is a really tough spot for the Steelers who are on back-to-back long road trips. Last week Pittsburgh got an emotional win over Jacksonville rallying from a 16-0 deficit to win on a Roethlisberger TD in the final seconds. That's now 6 straight wins for the Steelers with a 5-1 ATS run. Meanwhile, the Broncos are off a last-second win over the Chargers last week. Does that turn their season around? We think so at least for this week.

**MINNESOTA 26 Green Bay 22.** These two played to a 29-29 tie in earlier meeting as Minnesota kicker Carlson missed a chip-shot FG late. Obviously the Vikings disappointed greatly on these pages last week as they were clearly out-played by the Bears on SNF. Kirk Cousins looked rattled by the Chicago pass rush. Meanwhile, dating back to last season Green Bay has lost 7 straight games on the road going 1-5-1 ATS. Last week the Pack blew a double-digit lead in Seattle on Thursday Night. Minnesota has one of the best home-field advantages in the entire NFL.

#### Monday, November 26th

**HOUSTON 23 Tennessee 17.** Last week the Titans were crushed at Indianapolis as QB Marcus Mariota left the game in the first half due to an elbow injury. Also note that Titans DC Dean Pees has been in the hospital this week. On the other side, the Texans have now won 7 straight games but are one of the luckiest teams in the NFL as they have won 5 "coin flip" games in that win streak including last week's 2-point win at Washington. Still they are the first 0-3 team to win their next 7 since 1925. We're passing until Mariota's status clears.

**Just missed the cut: San Francisco +3.5 over Tampa Bay and N.Y. Giants +6 over Philadelphia.**

